

Dear Marlow Friends and Music Aficionados,

Recently, I had an occasion to once again listen to Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony No. 9, and especially the stunning second movement.

I couldn't help but think how the music mirrored my present mood. It's what I've been feeling throughout this pandemic. I experience sadness knowing that so many people have suffered but I also experience interludes of hope and renewal.

As we enter the fall season with this terrible pandemic, our region has gradually reopened the economy. Like the ebb and flow of incoming waves on a beach, I think the covid19 will continue to surge wildly as an unwelcomed neighbor and even when there is an available and effective vaccine.

But at Marlow Guitar International, what we can promise you is what I believe we do best. And that's bringing music to you. Guitar music. Music that engages your senses and inspires reflection, even if only for a moment to perhaps remind you that this pandemic is a temporary blip and that it too shall pass.

During the past couple of months, we have shared music from some of the best guitarists in the world through our Marlow interview chats on social media platforms. I do hope you were able to take advantage of it. And coming October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., we shall open our 2020-2021 Marlow concert season with the first of six monthly, virtual concerts online and available free for viewing. I hope our guitar music will connect with you as Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony has connected with me. It is indeed a "new world" that we are all living.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Marlow staff, please stay well and safe.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clifford Moy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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